

Civica Unit to Sell Generic Prostate-Cancer Medicine

By JOSEPH WALKER

A unit of the hospital-owned pharmaceutical venture **Civica Inc.** has started selling a generic form of the prostate-cancer drug Zytiga in the latest attempt to shake up the U.S. prescription-drug market.

Civica said one of its operating units will offer a month's supply of the drug, known generically as abiraterone acetate, to pharmacies for \$160, and recommends that pharmacies sell it to patients for no more than \$171, a 6.9% markup.

Zytiga, first marketed by Johnson & Johnson, went generic in 2018. Pharmacies sell other Zytiga generics at list prices of nearly \$3,000 a

month, though with coupons the price can be around \$200 for patients without insurance who pay with their own money, according to GoodRx, a website that tracks pharmacy prices and connects consumers to drug-discount coupons.

Civica will sell the abiraterone acetate drug through CivicaScript, a unit founded in 2020 to bring lower-priced versions of expensive generics on the market.

CivicaScript was created by a partnership of Civica, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and other health insurers as a public-benefit corporation, a designation that requires companies to pursue both social good and shareholder value.



MONDAY August 15 at 2pm

**At Team Tony Cancer Center ** At BayFirst Bank
3562 So. Osprey, S.Sarasota ** 1782 MLK, Jr Way - Newtown
IN PERSON and by ZOOM**

All men and partners encouraged to attend

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For questions - David Morse: 941 356 0754; [Visit Sarasota Prostate website here](#)



Also FYI: UsToo/ZERO meets on Thursday the 18th at 6pm

IN PERSON at Doctors' Hospital - Auditorium - East end of hospital
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